

SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS

ASIS is an International association for professionals responsible for security, whether they are managers or directors of security. Membership includes corporate executives and other management personnel, as well as consultants, architects, attorneys, and federal, state, and local law enforcement. ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security practices by developing educational programs and materials that address broad security concerns. Web address is <http://www.asisonline.org/>.

PIAVA (Private Investigators Association of Virginia) is an association of licensed private security services businesses and registered private investigators that pledge to conduct their business affairs in accordance with a professional Code of Ethics. The association members share opportunities and information resources and work together to improve the industry through positive legislative activities and active involvement with the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Web address is <http://www.piava.org/>.

PISA (Professional Investigators and Security Association) is an association of private investigators and private security services personnel dedicated to promoting professionalism and ethical standards within the private security services professions. PISA promotes mutual cooperation, understanding and respect with law enforcement and, sponsors and supports legislation and the regulatory process to enhance the Private Security Services. Web address is <http://www.pisa.gen.va.us>.

SIAC (Security Industry Alarm Coalition) is an association dedicated to “dispatch reduction” and “alarm management” through a liaison with national and state law enforcement leadership. SIAC is committed to reducing false alarms that result in false dispatches by law enforcement, educating alarm dealers, law enforcement, consumers and other interested parties and, providing assistance to law enforcement at no charge. Web address is <http://www.siacinc.org/>.

VACP (Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police) is an association made up of active and retired federal, state, local and private law enforcement and criminal justice agency executives, administrators and managers. Members also include persons in law enforcement related businesses, support industries or government agencies, dedicated to the professional development of all executive and management personnel within law enforcement agencies in Virginia. The association encourages close cooperation of all law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime, detection of crime and the apprehension of criminals. Web address is <http://www.vachiefs.org>.

VaPPSA (Virginia Police and Private Security Alliance) is a formal organization broken down into five divisions: law enforcement, security alarm, private investigators/contract security, retail/mall security, and corporate security. VaPPSA consists of public law enforcement officers, private investigators, retail and mall security officers, corporate and contract security personnel, and representatives from the alarm industry. VaPPSA has also developed proactive problem solving approaches to public safety, criminal and security issues through mutual cooperation and shared resources. VaPPSA runs a Fast Fax System in order to share crime information with other entities. Web address is <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/police/police5.htm>.

VBFAA (Virginia Burglar & Fire Alarm Association) is an association for the electronic security industry in Virginia dedicated to the betterment of the alarm industry through legislative action at the local, state and federal level. VBFAA strives to raise the level of professionalism at all levels by providing education for members of the industry and forums for dealers, manufacturers and distributors to air their concerns and work together. Web address is <http://www.vbfaa.org>.

VRMA (Virginia Retail Merchants Association) is a trade association that represents retailers and other businesses. VRMA is organized to educate, inform, and serve as a resource for our members. The VRMA is an influential lobbying group. VRMA has many publications and is a resource for information. VRMA has done the research and can direct you as needed, saving you valuable time and money. One of their popular publications is their Crime Prevention Manual, a wealth of practical and useful information about crime problems common to all businesses. Web address is <http://www.virginiaretail.org/index.php>.

VSA (Virginia Sheriffs' Association) is an association of representing the Virginia Sheriffs and their Deputies by providing a forum for the exchange of professional ideas and information. The Association is primarily interested in improving professionalism in law enforcement and enhancing working conditions for sheriffs and deputies. Web address is <http://www.virginiasheriffs.org>.

VSA (Virginia Security Association) is an association comprised of private security personnel, investigators, armored transport personnel, couriers, electronic security, personal protection specialist and persons interested in the security industry. VSA promotes the highest ethical practice for the industry and promotes training for industry members. Web address is <http://www.geocities.com/vsctya/>.

VSCC (Virginia State Crime Clinic) is an association founded by concerned law enforcement officers addressing problems and exchanging crime information. The Crime Clinic is divided into three local chapters, Central, Northern and Eastern where members meet to exchange ideas and solve problems together. Membership is open to local, state and federal law enforcement officers and industrial security executives. Web address is <http://www.vacrimeclinic.org/>.

VSPA (Virginia State Police Association) is an association of retired and active duty members of the VA State Police (VSP) that not only provides assistance to one another, but to other law enforcement officer by providing Teddy Bears to troopers to comfort a traumatized child; supporting drug and alcohol prevention programs in schools, and by lobbying for legislative changes, which promote safety for our children and adults. Webb address is <http://www.vspa.org>.